



Press Release

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Sun Valley Institute connecting local resources to community during COVID-19

- Local resilience is more urgent now than ever to develop community-led solutions for the impact of the novel coronavirus on our region.
- The SVI Food and Farm team, the Local Food Alliance, has compiled an [up-to-date list of local food access points](#)
- SVI has compiled resources for learning about and building personal, community, and global resilience. View the growing list [on the SVI blog](#).
- SVI is committed to connecting resources to the members of our community who are in greatest need.

Ketchum, Idaho -- To respond to community needs in this time of crisis, Sun Valley Institute, a Center for Resilience, is actively developing and sharing new resources to connect the local community to services and ways to grow resilience. As the extent of the impact of the novel coronavirus becomes more evident, the crisis is revealing underlying systemic risks that require the essential solutions that Sun Valley Institute seeks to advance. Now is the time to double down on efforts to build resilience on all fronts.

One critical, immediate impact of the crisis is food access. Not only is our community at risk due to relative geographic isolation, we rely on imports for over 95% of our local food needs. In the midst of this emergency, the local community is rapidly working to fill gaps left by a supply chain in crisis. The Sun Valley Institute's Food and Farm team, the [Local Food Alliance](#), has reached out to their network of local growers, food businesses, and nonprofits to identify local food availability. This list is now [available on the Local Food Alliance website](#) and is being updated frequently, while the team continues to connect food resources with local needs.

Resilience takes many forms. As we all spend more time at home, SVI has also compiled some of the best resources for learning about and building personal, community, and global resilience. View the growing list [on the SVI blog](#). If you have favorite resources, please share them with Sun Valley Institute on their social channels.

About the Sun Valley Institute

Five years ago, a combination of local and global threats matched by a vision of opportunity, led to the founding of the [Sun Valley Institute](#). In the wake of the 2013 Beaver Creek Fire, widespread droughts, snowfall changes, high food prices and significant power outages due to our location at the edge of the grid, Sun Valley leaders founded SVI as a center for resilience, to

turn our risks into opportunity .Over those five years, SVI has advanced resilience by convening the community to identify their greatest risks and opportunities, by developing specific projects to advance together, and by building programs to transform regional food and energy systems, two critical sectors for community resilience. This history of advancing resilience allows SVI to mobilize resources in the face of the current COVID-19 pandemic.

Sun Valley Institute is dedicated to supporting our whole community. We are working to connect resources to the people who need them in our community. Please reach out by email or through our social media with any community needs that you are seeing. For more information, please visit: www.sunvalleyinstitute.org and follow the institute on Twitter @SunValleyInst and Instagram at @SunValleyInstitute and Facebook at facebook.com/sunvalleyinstitute